

Roles of the No-Name Group and Data Assessment Team in CVP/SWP Operations Decisions Making Process.

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No-Name Group: This group is comprised of a representative of each of the member agencies (DFG, DWR, Bureau, FWS, NMFS, EPA, and SWRCB staff) and representatives from stakeholder groups (environmental stakeholders, CVP/SWP water user stakeholders, and Delta water user stakeholders). It is the responsibility of NNG members to be the contact person for their agency or interest group at any time when information regarding take of listed species or other factors are deemed to be potentially urgent issues to be addressed by the Ops Group. The No-Name Group may also be directed by the Ops Group to perform other tasks such as develop operational responses for issues of concern raised by member agencies. It may also be used by the Bureau and DWR as a forum to discuss proposed operations plans and solicit stakeholder input.

Data Assessment Team: The DAT consists of biologists from the Ops Group agencies and stakeholder groups. The CVP and SWP operations staff participate as consultants to the DAT on the operations of the two projects. The DAT compiles and interprets fishery-related data, disseminates the interpreted information to the Ops Group, and will make recommendations on actions to benefit the fisheries.

Data Assessment Team Procedures: A description of the procedure to develop and implement a recommendation for project operations resulting from real-time fish monitoring information follows. Current participants of the Data Assessment Team, project operation contacts, and the No-name Group are listed below.

1. On a regular basis, the DAT will confer by conference call to review and discuss the available data for all species of interest (e.g., delta smelt, chinook salmon, steelhead, and splittail). The DAT will prepare a report summarizing its review of the available data, including any interpretations and recommendations for Ops changes. To the extent possible, the report will reflect the views of all CALFED Ops Group Agencies. These reports, will be distributed by e-mail to the project operators and the No-Name Group.
2. If review of the available data suggests action(s) by the projects will be necessary or desirable to minimize or avoid impacts to species of concern, DAT will articulate its recommendations to the CVP and SWP operators and the NNG as soon as possible. The purpose of this step is to (1) alert the designated project operators so they can have as much lead time as possible and be able to gather information in advance regarding project

operations and flexibility, and (2) to provide interested parties with advance notice. The agency staff on DAT will provide the designated project operators and the No-Name Group with the data analysis they have performed.

3. Any CALFED agency staff person who is concerned that project operations may be affecting one or more species of concern shall convey their concerns and supporting information to the DAT. The agency member(s) with concerns for the species in question will summarize the data and via e-mail and conference call, discuss any findings and recommendations with the other DAT members. The goal is to reach consensus among DAT members on the findings and recommendations. Agency members will work with the DAT coordinator to ensure all concerns are discussed in a timely manner. The DAT e-mail reflector (calfedda@water.ca.gov) shall be used to notify DAT members when agency concerns arise and the date and time of the conference call to discuss these concerns. DAT recommendations for altering project operations will be developed with the assistance of the designated project operators. The designated project operators will provide information regarding recent operations, forecasted operations and feasibility of implementation of recommendations. Any recommendations will be those by available DAT members. Once finalized, the designated operators will discuss the recommendations with their management.
4. If DAT is unable to agree on recommendations, then a list that encompasses all of the concerns will be prepared. The feasibility of each will be discussed with the operators with the hope that consensus can be reached upon one operation proposal. If consensus is not reached, the information will be forwarded (via phone and e-mail) to the No-name Group for dissemination to agencies and stakeholders

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